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1. On 28 February 1953, the Encke Kaserne, the Seeckt Kaserne, the Nachrichten Kaserne, the Hindenburg Kaserne, the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne, Magdeburg, were occupied to capacity. The Flak Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 800 soldiers. On 24 February, about 350 soldiers who wore black-bordered black or red-bordered black epaulets received individual training in advanced combat and practiced with antigas paulins and, on 27 February, other soldiers practiced aiming with 4 x 57-mm AT guns, at the Kleiner and Grosser Anger.

2. On 24 February, a motorboat coming from the Seeckt Kaserne and 8 T-44 tanks and 1 tank chassis coming from the Nachrichten Kaserne were being entrained at the Friedrichstadt railroad station. Four 85-mm AA guns and 4 x 37-mm AA guns, which had come from the Flak Kaserne, were entrained on 25 February and five trucks loaded with pontoons and girders were entrained on 27 February. On 27 February, troops received instruction on 76.2-mm and 57-mm AT guns in the Nachrichten Kaserne.

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[ ] Comment. On 25 February, another source reported the departure of major columns of units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div from the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne, which may have left for exercises. According to information in paragraph 2 of this report, other units left between 24 and 27 February, presumably for exercises in the Magdeburg area. They included units of the 36th Pon Bridge Regt of the GOFG stationed in the Seeckt Kaserne, units of the 3d Gds AAA Div stationed in the Flak Kaserne and units of the 63d Gds Mecz Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div stationed in the Nachrichten Kaserne. This is at variance with the observations by source of paragraph 1, who should at least have noticed that, in addition to the Flak Kaserne, the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne were partially occupied. There is, however, the possibility that the units mentioned above had returned by 28 February.

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